Last Friday we farewelled Miss Susanne Armistead who has left our school to take up a permanent position in the A.C.T at Majura Primary School. We congratulate her on success in achieving this position. For the remainder of the year Miss Anita Sheridan will be the class teacher for 1/2A. Also this week Ms Angela Ramage will be going on Long Service Leave until Week 10 and Mrs Christine Tillman - Ryan will continue with our learning programs to support students who have English as a second language.

**Supervision**

Just a reminder we have many students who are arriving at school very early. Supervision does not start until 8.45am, if students are arriving before this they need to sit in the Quad. Students are not allowed to go on the equipment or play in the middle playground until the first bell rings and playground supervision begins.

Also some students in the afternoon are not crossing at the designated crossings. We have two crossings one in Morton St and one in Richard Ave and students are reminded that they need to cross at these crossings where there is a teacher on duty. **Parents are reminded that if they are picking up their students in the afternoon could they please wait in the junior playground under the shelter or in the Quad. Students are dismissed from their classrooms at 3.15pm.**

**Photographs**

Whilst we understand parents love to take photographs of their students at assemblies, school sporting events and book week parades etc, it is very important that you only photograph your own child. There are issues around privacy as well as not all students have permission to be photographed. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

**Placemats**

This week the students are busily working on their Father's Day Placemats, this is a fundraiser organised by the P& C. The cost of the placemats is $5.00 per child and there is only one placemat allocated per child. Money for this needs to be in by Tuesday 2 September.

Finally I would like to congratulate all the “ Value Pin” recipients from last Friday. This is a very important part of our "Positive Behaviour for Success " program and is a great way to celebrate with students who have demonstrated "Safety, Respect and Responsibility” in all school settings.
**Science Day**
On Wednesday 20 August all students and staff participated in Science Day. This year’s theme at West was ‘A Taste of Science’. Students participated in five experiments that used everyday food and household items to learn about chemical reactions, density and surface tension. Students had a great day working in their peer support groups to predict, experiment and hypothesise. All students were engaged and participated with enthusiasm. It was a great day had by all!!
A huge thank you to Mrs Sarah Rudolph, Mrs Belinda Moss and the Science Committee for organising such a fun day.

**Cyber Safety and Safe Use of Social Media**
Many young people in our school community use social media, such as Kik, Facebook and Instagram, and other sites. Young people cannot usually register as users on these sites unless they are 13 years of age and/or older. However we know that some young people find ways to get around this, with or without parental approval.
It has recently come to the schools notice that some sites are displaying inappropriate material that may offend some people. This is of concern as these matters can quickly escalate and cause distress to many individuals.
Talking to your children about these challenges and discussing what is appropriate and what is offensive is a good place to start the discussion.
The use of the internet and social media should be monitored by a responsible adult with children still at primary school.

Three points to remember.
*If a child doesn’t feel comfortable showing you what they are doing on the internet or social media, they probably shouldn’t be doing it.
*Once something has been posted onto social media or the internet, it is there forever.
*All computers have an I.P. address that authorities can trace which computer or smartphone they came from, even if the material has been deleted.

Have a great week
Carlyn Bladen
Relieving Principal

**Queanbeyan West Public School**
**Paver Fundraiser** Offer closes Thursday 18 September. Extra order forms available at the front office.

Have your name or message engraved to a paver which will be laid in a school walkway.

This is an opportunity for you, your child, your family, business or organisation to become a permanent part of our school’s history.

**Canteen Volunteers**
The canteen is in need of volunteers! As a volunteer you will assist the Canteen Manager in preparing, selling and serving food to our students.

It’s a great way to be involved in your child’s school, meet other parents and the children love to see someone familiar behind the counter! You don’t need to be tied down to regular shifts - once a week, once a fortnight, once a month, once a term or once a year - your help would be greatly appreciated for whatever time you can spare even if it is only for one or two hours at a time. If you can’t be there during the day, you can even help out before school by making toast.

Please call in and speak to our Canteen Manager Di or phone the canteen on 6297 3770. Alternatively, you can send a note in with your child with your name, contact number and availability. Thank you.

**DIARY DATES**

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**Friday 5 September 2014**
Wear your favourite team colours. Gold coin donation to support Children and Teens fighting Cancer.

The Westerly- School Web Site: www.queanbeyaw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
Results from District Athletics.

Veronica – 4th 11Yrs 200m
Junior Girls Relay – 4th
Hayden – 4th 9 Yrs 100m
Kyaan – 1st 10 Yrs 100m, 1st Junior High Jump, 1st Junior Shot Put
Jack – 2nd 11 Yrs 100m, 2nd 11 Yrs 200m, 3rd 11 Yrs High Jump, 2nd 11 Yrs Long Jump.
Brad – 1st 11 Yrs Shot Put
Brendon – 1st 12 Yrs 100m, 2nd 12/13 Yrs 200m, 3rd 12/13 Yrs High Jump, 1st 12/13 Yrs Long Jump.
Jordan – 4th 11 Yrs Long Jump
Eligh – 1st 13 Yrs 100m
Michael – 2nd 13 Yrs 100m
Alex – 3rd 13 Yrs 100m
Genom – 4th Junior Shot Put
Michale – 2nd Junior 800m, 3rd Junior Long Jump.
Junior Boys Relay – 3rd
Senior Boys Relay – 2nd
Declan – 4th 12/13 Long Jump

Congratulations to Kyaan C for Senior Boy Champion and Brendon C for 12/13 Years Boy Champion

Regional Athletics – Friday 22 August
The following students participated in the Regional Athletics held last Friday at the Australian Institute of Sport.
Kyaan, Brad, Jack, Brendon, David, Declan, Eligh, Michael, Alex. Well done boys!

RIDGEWAY NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE
OPEN DAY
Saturday 13 September 2014
9.00am
Ridgeway Rural Fire Station, 2 Highland Close, The Ridgeway (off the Kings Highway and follow the signs)
The Right Balance

I give permission for my child/ren to attend the Right Balance performance show on Tuesday 9 September 2014. If you took the opportunity to pay for all the performances in one payment at the beginning of the year, this performance visit is already covered. Please return note and money by Friday 5 September. I enclose $4.00 per child. You may also pay by credit card if more convenient.

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Credit Card Authorisation

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Alternatively, a credit card authorisation can be given by telephone to the Front Office on 6297 2020
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This is a dynamic and engaging performance that provides strategies for building positive relationships. Students are taken on an interactive journey of discovery filled with easy to remember strategies for dealing with frustration, bullying and the difficulties in sustaining relationships.